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## Sage's Susi becomes Umbra owner

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**N**ative North End chef Anthony Susi is headed to the South End.

Susi, the owner of Sage on Prince Street in the North End, is buying Caffe Umbra on Washington Street, across from the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

"I think he's going to do another Sage," said Charlie Perkins, of Boston Restaurant Group Inc. in Boxford, who brokered the sale. "The purchase and sale agreement has been signed."

Susi did not return calls for comment.

Named a "Rising Star Chef" by New York-based StarChefs in 2003, his kitchen stints included working at Davide in Boston, the Shawmut Inn in Kennebunkport, Maine, and under chef Todd English at Olives. He was the executive chef when Sage opened in 1994 and bought the restaurant five years later. The 28-seat eatery serves new regional Italian and new American cuisine.

Susi is waiting on a liquor license transfer for his new restaurant. A Dec. 20 Boston Licensing Board hearing is scheduled.

"It's a wonderful location," said Perkins, citing the number of new condo developments in the Washington Street area, which has attracted restaurants including Union Bar and Grille, and chef Evan Deluty's Stella.

"Washington Street is going to be the new Tremont Street," Perkins added, referring to the South End's more established restaurant row.

Chef Laura Brennan, who opened Caffe Umbra in May of 2002, could not be reached for comment yesterday.



Anthony Susi.